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Thanks

... Garry Hampton for getting in the pool with our Junior classes to help with their daily swimming programme - very much appreciated!

... the parents who assisted with the Reotahi Trip for rooms 3 & 4.

... to those parents who monitor our school security system ... your efforts are greatly appreciated, you save precious dollars which can be spent on students.

... to Mary Finlayson & family for donating some rockwall climbing grips

People of the week

... those children who got our "pay it forward" programme off to such a great start (more about this next week).

... Susie Finlayson who won the Kerikeri Junior Tennis Open on the weekend (under 10). Well done Susie!

Term calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

26 March Junior Marine - Rooms 1, 2 & 5

27 March ESOL Trip (more to follow)

3 April Easter Tuesday, School Holiday

9 April Visiting Drama Group

11 April Northland Swim Champs

13 April Final day of term 1 (30 April first day of term 2)

School Duathlon Events - Years 4 - 8 - POSTPONEMENT DATES

The events will now take place as follows -

Team event - Tuesday 27 March 12.50-1.40pm

Individual Event - Wednesday 28 March 12.50-1.40pm

Those children opting to bike will require their bike, a helmet & shoes to be at school prior to the race. If children are participating in both events, we are happy to store the bikes in the school hall overnight. Parents are welcome on the day to support. Any questions to Mr D please.

Junior Trip to Reotahi

Marine reserve snorkel at Whangarei Harbour Marine Reserve (Reotahi)

Monday 26th March (Rooms 1, 2, 5)

Reminder notices were sent home this week. Any questions please contact Mrs Robertson or your child's teacher.

Tax receipts

Please note that tax receipts will be sent out within the next couple of weeks with your child. This will be a tax receipt for the 2017 to 2018 financial year.

ANZAC Ceremony Parents are invited to share our ANZAC Commemoration with us on Friday 6 April starting 1:40pm.

You might like to pencil this date in. More to follow. We will be selling poppies for a gold coin donation from Thursday 5th April from the school office.

In last week's newsletter (available via our website - newsletter tab, or from the office on request)

School Contributions and Events Fees

Toys / trading cards

Pool gate

School Direction for 2018

New junior class

Cambridge Meeting ... Year 7 and 8 ... 29.3

Parents of year 7 and 8 students, and any other interested parents, are invited to a meeting to discuss the schools Cambridge Junior Secondary Programme. **This meeting will take place in room 12 Thursday 29 March starting 3:15 pm** (expected duration around 30 minutes). At this meeting we will give impressions on how current students are doing, report some historic data, share some high points, ask for your impressions of how your child is settling, identify specific challenges and more. You will also get the opportunity to ask us questions, and to hear about some new innovations to the programme. **Please let Helen know early next week if you will be in attendance.**

A reminder that quite a bit of Cambridge background material is available on our website.

Cambridge .. survey of former students

We believe that the Cambridge Junior Secondary Programme offers the best possible preparation for secondary school, irrespective of whether or not a child continues in a Cambridge Programme. While local secondary schools give very positive feedback on our students, we would like to develop some more detailed impressions of how our students find the secondary curriculum and environment. This will help us to further improve our programmes.

Accordingly, we would be keen for as many of our former Cambridge students as possible to complete a Google survey. If you have a child who was on this programme last year, please ask them if they would be willing to be surveyed. If they say yes, and we hope they will, could you please email their current email address to Mrs Donaldson at kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz This survey is scheduled for early term 2. Thank you for your assistance!

International Schools Exam Consents

Please ensure that consents, and fees, are returned to school no later than Thursday 29 March.

For your interest, examination dates are as follows ... English Exam ... 31 July, Maths Exam ... 14 August.

Lunch wrappings ... Plastics

Parents new to the school may wonder why lunch wrappings are sent home with their children at the end of the day, rather than being binned at school. Some years ago we calculated that the cost of rubbish collection (lunch and morning tea rubbish only), to equate to the value of at least one (possibly 2) ipads a year. By enduring this inconvenience, parents enable us to purchase one or two additional devices for use in classrooms. So ... THANK YOU!

Recently we have spoken to children about the impact plastic has on the environment. We have a very windy site and plastic is picked up easily by the wind and deposited at great distances. So, the less plastic the better for us, and the better for the environment.

Parents can help by (your call) ...

... purchasing plastic unfriendly lunch boxes (i.e. compartments which reduce the need for wrappings)

... questioning your child if their plastic does not return with them in their lunchbox at the end of the school day.

School Pool

Thank you to those who have hired pool keys. Please note that, as is our custom, the pool will be available for use over Easter weekend (likely drained Monday 2 April).

If you hired a key for 2018, or have a key from last year, please return this to the school office by the end of term. The pool will not be re-filled until January 2019.

Junior Readers

Please can you check under beds & in wardrobes, etc and send junior readers & journals back to school. Many thanks.

Seesaw

Seesaw is an online sharing tool of children's work and classroom / school events. If you have not yet received an invitation to your child's class Seesaw profile please let the office know. Feel free to comment on posts & celebrate with your child. For those that do not have a device to access Seesaw we can show you here at school. For any question please contact your child's teacher.

Please note ... speed when passing a stationary bus

... your vehicle's speed must be reduced to 20 km per hour for vehicles passing in either direction

Finally

A special acknowledgment this week of the efforts of those who spend time at school helping in libraries, or classrooms, or with intervention and support programmes. You make a very big difference to the school and your efforts are very much appreciated.

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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School Lunches

Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 - Hot Mince Pie, Mince & Cheese Pie, Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar) or a Butter Chicken Wrap and a Fruit Drink. Or swap the Fruit drink for a Milk for \$5.00.

PLUS NEW - \$4.50 - Ham or Chicken Salad Wrap or Salad Wrap with a juice
\$2.50 - Cup of Chilled Watermelon or Pineapple, or a mixed cup.

Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday. We cannot supply lunches on Friday if the order is placed after Thursday morning.

Community Notices

The Teenage Brain – presented by Nathan Wallis. Thursday 14 April. Tickets through Ticketek \$40. Nathan will start with an introduction to neuroscience and brain development and work towards the teenage brain from there. It is an interactive seminar. Topics covered include (but not limited to) – learning, risk taking, alcohol & drug taking, sleeping patterns, communicating with teens & so on.

Indoor Bowls – at Ruatangata Hall, 7.30pm each Wednesday. Started 14 March. All new members welcome – ph Alan 435 0141 or Ben 435 1570 for info

Battery Recycling Please note that EcoSolutions will collect household batteries for recycling. Please drop your used batteries into them at 141 Cameron Street - next to the Toolshed.

Kamo Touch A Truck! The Kamo Fire Brigade are running their annual fundraising day. Sunday 15th April, Hurupaki School 10am – 3pm. Many local community businesses that have come together to support this event by offering machinery and vehicles of all shapes and sizes for kids to learn about, climb in and have some great hands on experiences with. There will be Rides, Food, Fire Fighting Combat Challenge and competitions.

Table Tennis for children in Years 5-8 Come and have fun and learn Table Tennis skills in our top class; Table Tennis Stadium at Kensington Park. Wednesdays 3.30-5.00pm; \$40 subscription for a year or \$2 casual fee per session. We have bats for sale or they may be hired for \$1. Soft soled non marking shoes must be worn. Ph Jessica 027 925 4538.

ASB will donate \$500.00 to participating schools for every **new home loan** over \$250,000.00 taken with ASB when a voucher is presented by a borrower from your school community (school staff, parents, extended Whanau). There are some terms and conditions to be met and these are fully disclosed on the voucher – ask at the school office.

Northland Futsal Academy – Whangarei Boys High School, Term time, Tuesdays / Fridays 8-10 year olds 4-5.30pm; 11-15 years 5.45 to 7.15pm. for more info contact Christian 021 246 7328.

Story Book Easter Sunday –Sunday 1 April 2018, Kiwi North, 10am to 3p. \$10 per adult, children free. Check Kiwinorth.co.nz or phone 438 9630 for more information

Monsters Inc

Sully has a blue tail.

Sully bellows down the hallway as he scares.

Sully has bull horns and turquoise purple fur.

Phillipa (Room 8)

